

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph 54 of the Specification with amended paragraph 54 appearing below:

[54] Referring now to FIGS. 12A-12C, another embodiment of a special torque device 280 is shown. As with the previous embodiment, this particular device can be either a clip-on device which can be attached to a conventional torque device 260 or can be molded with the end cap 264 to create an integral unit. As can be seen in FIGS. 12A-12C, the torque device 280 includes a torque handle 262 having a lumen (not shown) through which the guide wire 28 extends. The torque handle 262 is directly mounted to the guide wire 28 and can be locked onto the guide wire via the cap 264. This handle 262 allows the physician to manipulate and rotate the guide wire 28. The torque device 280 includes an extension arm 284 having a first end 282 which is attached to, for example, the cap 264 of the torque device 260. An This extension arm 284 extends from the first end 282 and translates to a second end 286 of the device 280 which includes an opening 285 (shown in dotted lines) that receives both the delivery sheath 30 and guide wire 28. This opening 285 can be made with a funnel shape with the wide mouth opening on the distal end of the handle arm 284 to allow for easy entry of the proximal end of the guide wire 28 and sheath 28. A similar opening 287 extends into the body of the torque device. This opening 287 also can be funnel shaped to facilitate ease of entry of the proximal end of the guide wire 28 into the lumen of the handle 262. In this regard, the second end 286 helps to maintain the guide wire 28 and delivery sheath 30 centered along the same axis, as is shown in FIG. 12A. When the delivery sheath 30 is to be removed from the guidewire 28, the proximal end of the delivery sheath is placed through a side port 288 located near the first end 282 of the torque device 280 and pulled by the physician. This side port 288 also can have a funnel-shaped opening for ease of insertion of the proximal end of the sheath.